

REMARKS

Claims 39-42, 44-47, 49-51, 56, 57 and 59-71 were pending prior to this Office Action. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has allowed claims 44-51 and 64-70, which Applicants acknowledge with gratitude. All the other pending claims were rejected, except claim 71.

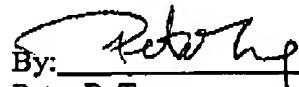
In response to the Office Action, to expedite the prosecution, Applicants have amended claims 39, 40, 56, 59 and 60 to make them dependent on the allowed claim 44; have amended claims 45, 50, 51 and 63 stylistically or for clarification; have cancelled claim 49; have amended claim 71 to include a number of limitations similar to those in claim 44; and have added new dependent claims 72-77. Accordingly, claims 39-42, 44-47, 50, 51, 56, 57 and 59-77 remain pending.

All the pending claims should be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner, upon reconsideration, determines that an action other than an allowance is appropriate, the Examiner is requested and authorized to telephone Applicants' representative below prior to taking such action, if the Examiner feels that such a telephone call will advance the prosecution of the present application.

Any required fee in connection with the filing of this response is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0727.

Respectfully submitted,

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